



ANIMAL WELLNESS & CARE COMMITTEE

("WellCare Committee")

Animal Wellness and Care Committee Purpose Statement

The Animal Wellness and Care Committee of the Indiana State Fair was established by the Indiana State Fair Board to reinforce the Indiana State Fair's strong value and belief in the proper treatment of all animals in exhibition. The committee is comprised of both veterinary experts as well as public interest members who together bring a broad breath of knowledge in the wellness and care of all animals. The Indiana State Fair is a premier event in which the general public, some with limited animal experience, comes together to learn and appreciate the animals present. These animals include pets, livestock and nondomestic animals. The Indiana State Fair holds the exhibitors of these various species to the highest standards in wellness, care and ethics of exhibition. The WellCare is responsible for ensuring the most up to date standards as well as to be a source for the public to seek answers to their questions relating to the health and safety of the animals involved in the Indiana State Fair.

General Information on Animal Wellness & Care

- The Indiana State Fair does not tolerate animal cruelty, abuse or neglect.
- For many in the fair-attending public, the Indiana State Fair provides their one and only experience or exposure to animals especially livestock.
- The education of the public to the high standard of care provided to the animals in agriculture is a key engagement role for everyone at the Indiana State Fair.
- The Indiana State Fair provides an arena for youth to share their knowledge and appreciation for the highest standards of animal care and ethics of exhibition.
- There are many so-called "experts" on animal care, but few are well trained. The Indiana State Fair values its relationship with its State Fair Veterinary Healthcare professionals to ensure the highest levels of animal wellness and care.
- Many confuse tradition with acceptable standards of animal wellness and care. In many cases these may not be the same.
- The Indiana State Fair makes a strong commitment to ensure the safety of fair attending public as well as to the animals in residence at the Fair.

STATEMENT ON ANIMAL WELLNESS AND CARE

The Indiana State Fair is a learning environment for the citizens of Indiana and her fellow states to seek out and appreciate the great wellness and care given to the animals of our world. The standards of animal wellness and care set by the Indiana State Fair Board are first and foremost present to ensure the utmost in humane care, stress-free exhibition and preventative wellness care. The exhibitors of these animals are bound to meet these obligations of wellness and care for both competitive and non-competitive exhibition. In doing so the exhibitors will ensure that their animals will be provided with proper nutrition including clean fresh water at all times, ensure their animals' bedding is appropriate and clean, and practice the highest standards of competition ethics while exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair. Any animal requiring medical attention will be presented to the Indiana State Fair Veterinarian who is on site. The Indiana State Fair Veterinarian shall provide all medical attention necessary to ensure the proper treatment and care of the animals in residence at the Indiana State Fair. The guests of the Indiana State Fair shall be made aware of this strong commitment to the wellness and care of the animals which are an integral part of the Indiana State Fair.